

I support net neutrality, and I support Title 2 oversight of Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

The internet is not just an information service, it is an essential telecommunications service without which individuals, businesses, and other institutions cannot function in this day and age.

The Web is the go-to method of communication among people and businesses. Businesses large and small, old and new, rely on online transactions and communications.

Internet Service Providers (ISPs) supporting this change in Americans' use of the Web are expected to charge certain users more than others for access to certain content and speed of use. Suddenly, individuals and small businesses are beholden to the whims of ISPs for essential telecommunications.

The additional fees that ISPs will so obviously charge once they are legally allowed to do so will raise prices of goods, favor those companies in alliance with the ISPs, reduce competition, and generally hinder free trade and free speech in this country.

I don't want ISPs to have the power to block websites, slow them down, give some sites an advantage over others, split the Internet into "fast lanes" for companies that pay and "slow lanes" for the rest, or force me to buy special "tiers" to access the sites and services I choose. But that's exactly what the FCC plan would do.

People across the country agree with me— we do not want to pay higher fees for inferior service. We have that already in other areas (think cable TV).

Given the potential for abuse on the part of ISPs, the name of the proposed change borders on malicious. ISPs' control over use will so obviously NOT restore internet freedom to the rest of society. It will allow the internet suppliers to control who sees what content. That is monopoly, not freedom.

The open internet is far too important a resource for ideas, business, communication, and societal progress to be controlled by a few private companies at the whim of whoever currently directs them.

Americans and American society need net neutrality.

Thank you,

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